

SPECIAL ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Title	Investigative Responsibilities for Reports of Injured Persons to Hospitals
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I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this Special Order is to detail procedures for investigative personnel in receipt of a report of an injured person taken to the hospital.

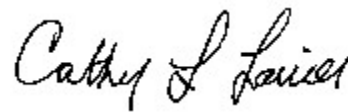
II. PROCEDURES

- A. Members shall follow the procedures outlined in GO-SPT-401.01 (Field Reports) when at the scene of a call for service for an injured person to the hospital.
- B. Responsibilities of Investigative Personnel
 - 1. Detective Lieutenants shall assign a detective to conduct follow-up investigations on:
 - a. Field reports classified as "INJURED PERSON TO HOSPITAL JOHN – JANE DOE".
 - b. Field reports classified as "INJURED PERSON TO HOSPITAL" in which the identity of the person is known but the citizen cannot describe how he/she was injured, and the reporting member's investigation cannot determine a definitive cause of the injury.
 - 2. The assigned detective shall:
 - a. Establish the identity of the injured person; and

- b. Notify the next of kin if the injured person is admitted to the hospital.
3. The investigation shall be treated as a case assignment until a final determination is made whether the person was a victim of a crime, or accidentally injured.
4. If a report is reclassified, the same Central Complaint Number (CCN) shall be used.

III. CROSS REFERENCE

1. GO-SPT-401.01 (Field Reporting System)



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